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## Marginal Column

By Nora Brotz

It is characteristic of the crazy state of the world that one finds senior American delegates at Lake Success, whose country has everything to gain from peace (America is still suffering virtually all the casualties and paying all the costs for the United Nations intervention in Korea), far more alarmed over a "peace offensive" than a war offensive on the Soviet side. The first two weeks of the fifth annual session of the United Nations General Assembly have been dominated by the encouraging war news from Korea and the all-important question of what the Russians will do about it. Leading delegates believe that the performances of the Soviet bloc — their oratorical mildness and social amiability — add up to a deliberate peace feeler. Admittedly there are familiar Soviet diatribes against the Anglo-American "warmongers" and "Imperialists." But the absence of punch and the staleness of the arguments have been taken as a designed hint that the Russians are ready to talk. Mr. Bevin, for example, noted with interest the major emphasis placed by Mr. Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on "the importance and timeliness" of the Big Five permanent United Nations members uniting their efforts for peace.

THESE sideways glances did not surprise the Western leaders. The Russians are now faced with either submission to the defeat of their North Korean protégés or the involvement of their own country in a global war. The only way out might have been to obtain Chinese intervention on the Communist side. So far the Chinese have apparently preferred to stay on their own side of the heavily fortified frontier.

## New Economic Drive Opened

New efforts to improve productivity, reduce imports and increase exports were announced by the Cabinet yesterday in a statement summarizing its decisions following extensive discussions on the country's economic situation.

## Reactions to Gov't Statement Mild

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The text of the Government's declaration had been known to party leaders for a considerable time, but first reactions tonight were varied and generally mild. Histadrut Mapai circles said they appreciated most the decision to halt the black market.

Progressive Party leaders were generally satisfied because the Government had adopted practically all the measures advocated by them. In the present circumstances, not much more could be done, they claimed. One suggestion advanced by the Progressives was that of creating a Minister of Economic Affairs who would be placed above all other ministries dealing with economics.

Mapai circles were, however, outspoken in their criticism. The non-payment import clause, was really a lowering of the rate of exchange of the Israel Pound, they claimed.

Even more sceptical was Mayor Israel Rokach, who said that the Municipal Lottery plan advocated by him a year ago could not be implemented because one major municipality had opposed it.

The chief Mosabat spokesman, Mr. D. Z. Pinsky, said that the announcement marked the beginning of needed changes. A great deal, however, depended on whether the measure was implemented, he said.

The Government is said to have prepared a series of drastic measures to curb the black market. The announcement to the public on this point was also expected tonight, but the Prime Minister decided to give it more time by his broadcast on Tuesday.

## U.S. Congressmen On Israel Visit

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A U.S. Congress delegation arrived here on Friday morning to study agricultural questions and the situation in the Middle East. The members are Senator Claude Pepper (Florida); and Congressmen Robert Poage (Texas) and Harold Cooley (N. Carolina).

A reception in their honour was held at the home of the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Richard Ford, last night. The delegation today toured Gable and spent the night in Jerusalem at the Eden Hotel.

The visitors, who are accompanied by their wives, were entertained to dinner by the District Representative and Mrs. A. Biran; other guests were Dr. and Mrs. A. Nissan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibson; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gior.

The party have come here from the Interparliamentary Union Conference at Dublin and have visited Britain, Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy, Turkey, and Egypt. They are leaving today for Jordan, Syria, Iraq and India.

## Country's Progress Praised By British Air Secretary

BY RUTH CALE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — Deeply impressed by what he had seen during his 24-hour whirlwind visit to Israel and wishing that he could have stayed longer and seen more, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Britain's Secretary for Air, left Lydda yesterday afternoon for Cyprus, to resume his inspection tour of R.A.F. bases in the Middle East.

He was the first member of the British Government to visit Israel and his Dakota plane, which bore the pale blue flag of Marshal of the Air Force, was the first R.A.F. plane to touch down here on a peaceful mission. One of its kind landed at Lydda more than two years ago to embark a number of Britons who had fallen into the hands of the Israel forces.

He was very happy to have had a chance to meet Mrs. Myerson and Mr. Ben Gurion. The Prime Minister welcomed him with the words, "I knew and greatly admired your father" (Lord Henderson, who in 1917 was chairman of the cabinet sub-committee which drafted the Balfour Declaration, and who consistently supported the Zionist cause). Politics did not come up during the meeting, and both statesmen exchanged reminiscences.

Asked about Anglo-Israel relations, Mr. Henderson declared: "The fact that I am here and have been received with such friendliness is an indication that we are entering on an era of very good relations. I think it is time to strive for even closer relations."

Mr. Henderson was seen off at the airport by the British Minister, Sir Leslie Hore-Belisha, Minister of Transport, and his air staff officer, Squadron Leader R. Sutton, arrived at the airport and were welcomed by the R.A.F. base commander.

It is hard to tear himself away from Olaf Brenner, where he had lunch. Earlier yesterday morning, he visited the Orphan children's village and the Weizmann Institute.

See Supreme, October 1.

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## Socialist Press

Mr. Shmuel Rabinowitz Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Argentina, and Mrs. Rabinowitz, were received by the Prime Minister on Friday.

Mrs. Natan Glitter, President of the Mifilar Women's Organization of Argentina, accompanied by her husband and son, has arrived in Israel.

Mrs. Raya Tagom, of Wizo, has left for the Scandinavian countries where she will conduct a fund-raising campaign.

Miss Anne Fassman, of the National Office of the Keren Hayesod in Tel Aviv, has returned from a four-month mission to the Netherlands.

"Tigris & Euphrates," the tourist department of the Histadrut, recently held a reception for visitors from the U.S., South Africa and Latin America, presided over by Mrs. Stella Rabinowitz. Similar meetings are planned at regular intervals.

Professor O. Mer, Professor of Epidemiology at the Hebrew University, and Director of its Malaria Research Station at Rehovot, left Israel at the invitation of the World Health Organization to take part in the second session of the Expert Committee on Insecticides. He will later visit American and British institutions engaged in this work.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will open the 1950-51 season under Dr. Serge Koussevitzky in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night, October 4, at the Odeon Cinema.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

LORETTA — FRED

The marriage will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 1950, at the Tourist Club, Dizengoff St., Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, between Rev. Mrs. Nethanel Lorch, son of Dr. Max and Dr. Hania Lorch and Erika, daughter of Isaac and the late Sarah Frost. Relations and friends are cordially invited.

## Conductor Willing To Play Wagner

POST Reporter TEL AVIV, Saturday.—If Israelis are ready to enjoy the music of Wagner and Richard Strauss and can forget that these two German composers were leading anti-Semites, Dr. Serge Koussevitzky will be happy to re-introduce their music in this country. In his opinion, the conductor told a gathering of journalists at his Tel Aviv residence yesterday, these two men had vastly influenced the trend of modern music and could not be ignored.

He warned, however, that "if the world has not yet healed, we cannot play their music," and suggested that the matter be decided by "the people's forum" — the Knesset. There are in this country a large number of people, among them many musicians and music-lovers, who believe that "wagner's art" is at stake, politics must be eliminated. "We members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra would love to play Wagner again," said Mr. Zvi Hafetz, one of the concertmasters who was present.

The conductor arrived in the country on Thursday to open the new I.P.O. season next Wednesday, and to prepare the Orchestra for the American tour.

He recalled that in Russia after World War I, the people requested Wagner's music. "I played it everywhere and they liked it," he said.

Dr. Koussevitzky said that apart from himself and Leonard Bernstein, the only conductors of the Wagner Caravans of Brazil would conduct several concerts during the American tour. Tocino had to decline, for he is going to conduct the New York Philharmonic series in Milan this winter.

There is a considerable interest in America in the Orchestra, and all 90 scheduled concerts in 30 cities will be sold out, he said. American tour managers are anxious for these concerts, thus for other cities in the U.S. It was a great success in Brazil, and will not suffer from being an inferior performance.



## CABINET ANNOUNCES NEW ECONOMIC DRIVE

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citizens of the state and world Jewry will be called upon to make prolonged efforts until our economic independence and political independence are assured.

The first Knesset ratified the Government's basic programme at the beginning of March, 1949. The Government will continue to follow this line, but will, from time to time, re-examine the situation in the light of constantly changing conditions, and adopt the means of implementation to the new needs that may arise.

In view of these considerations, the Government has decided, inter alia, as follows:

## Production

1. The Government sees in the extension of agricultural and industrial production the chief means to improve our economic situation. We must satisfy our needs as far as possible with our own produce and thereby reduce imports and increase exports. For this purpose the Government will divert adequate credits to essential production and provide all possible production equipment and raw materials: large scale technical assistance will be provided, and wherever necessary Government capital will be invested.

2. A fair standard of living for the population and its gradual improvement is dependent above all on our capacity to produce and the standard of our production.

3. The Government will encourage agreements between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association for the setting up of joint production committees. These committees, with the aid of the Institute for Increased Production and under its supervision, will take all suitable steps to increase production, improve the quality of products and eliminate waste. They will also set output norms and premiums and bonuses for increased productivity.

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